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Research 2

**How important is the literature review and (differentiating between various types of journals) assessing prior research, theorist, and current instructional strategies?**

Literature review is undoubtedly the most important resource when conducting action research. It serves as a source or sources to support ones’ research based on prior research and knowledge. Readers want to trust ones’ work and the best way to gain your readers trust is to show that you know what you are talking about. By providing a literature review on my topic I am supported by said prior research, theorist, and past and present instructional strategies. A literature review also helps to justify the reason I’ve conducted my research and why it is important.

When compiling literature reviews it is critical to know what theories and what strategies have been in practice because it will guide you to know what has worked in the past and what doesn’t, but more importantly what could work. In a nutshell it will provide me with a roadmap of how to build upon your own hypothesis and support it.

As I work and scaffold on my own action research project I have an opportunity to review and possibly challenge prior theoretical frameworks and/or methods. Literature reviews are a combination of scholarly works that may be empirical or peer reviewed mostly based on journals and peer reviews. Empirical articles are original research based off of prior research whereas, peer reviews “examine many empirical studies and synthesize them into a current “review” of the topic”. (1)

I am finding out that it can be quite challenging to find literature reviews that align to my topic. This task can be long and daunting that is why it is so imperative for your study to be specific and clear what you intend to accomplish in your study or gain from your study. By being clear and concise on your intent you will be able to narrow down reviews with ease. In the next few weeks my goal is to compile relevant information to my topic, researching theorist and theories and past and current instructional strategies that work and may not work. These are the components that work coherently together that will bring my study to life and make it meaningful. I look forward to old and new ideas but most importantly possibly finding a gap to make improvements to my professional career as well as my colleagues.

1.http://www.liberty.edu/media/2030/Literature\_Review\_Handout\_Final.pdf